(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Co-operative and Commercial Bank branches proposed to be opened during 1997-98, Bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that for the period 1990-95, there was no need for evolving any branch expansion programme with targets like population coverage per bank office as was done in the past, in view of the growth in branch network in the country and decline in the average population per bank office (APPBO) in rural and semi-urban areas to 13000 by the end of 1985-90 period.

Under the extant branch licensing policy of RBI, it is left to the judgement of individual banks to assess the need for opening additional bank branches within their service areas. The banks proposals for opening branches at rural centres are to be submitted to RBI through the concerned State Governments. A regards semi-urban centres, a specific quota is allotted to each bank, depending on the size of the bank, for opening branches and proposals are considered by RBI on merits of each case. In respect of urban/metropolitan centres, identified localities are allotted to various banks for opening branches. Such proposals are also considered by RBI on merits of each case. RBI have also given freedom to Indian commercial banks which fulfil certain stipulated criteria for opening branches without prior approval of RBI on case to case basis.

The details of authorisations issued to various banks for opening branches at different centres in Karnataka where banks have yet to open their branches, as reported by RBI, are given in the attached statement. RBI have also reported that no proposal for opening of branches of Karnataka State Cooperative Bank Ltd. is received during the year 1997-98 so far.

Statement

Number of Authorisations/Licences issued during the pariod 1.4.95 to 30.6.97 to Commercial Banks for opening Branches at Different Centres in the State of Karnataka and which are yet to open

Name of Bank		Number of Authorisations/ Licences
1		2
1.	Bank of India	7
2.	Bank of Maharashtra	2
3.	Canara Bank	19
4.	Corporation Bank	7
5.	Indian Bank	2
6.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	4
7.	Punjab National Bank	4
8.	Syndicate Bank	1
9.	State Bank of India	6
10.	State Bank of Mysore	18
11.	State Bank of Hyderabad	2
12.	State Bank of Travancore	1
13.	Vijaya Bank	2
14.	Union Bank of India	8
15.	Times Bank Ltd.	1
16.	Federal Bank Ltd.	1
17.	UTI Bank Ltd.	1
18.	Global Trust Bank	1
19.	Centurian Bank Ltd.	1
20.	Bank of Punjab	1
21.	South Indian Bank	1
22.	Sangali Bank Ltd.	1
23.	Bijapur Gramin Bank	4
24.	Karnataka Bank	3
25.	Lord Krishna Bank	1
26.	Vysya Bank Ltd.	1
27.	Karur Vysya Bank	2

Readymade Garment Industry

467. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textiles Minister has urged the Government of Andhra Pradesh to promote entrepreneurship for the growth of readymade garment industries in the State; and

(b) if so, to what extent Andhra Pradesh has agreed to promote readymade garments industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) Government has been taking a number of measures for promoting entrepreneurship for growth of readymade garment industry in the country, including Andhra Pradesh. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has come up with various schemes for the promotion of readymade garment industry in the State, which include announcement for setting up an Apparel Park, allotment of land for development of Apparel Training and Design Centre; allotment of land for the branch of National Institute of Fashion Technology etc.